

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-11 and 13-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Claim 12 is objected.

Claims 1 and 13-16 are canceled.

Applicants have amended claim 12 to be in independent form, and have cancelled claims 1 and 13-16. Therefore, all claims remaining are allowable. Amendments to the claims, and incorporated into claims dependent thereupon, are not narrowing amendments made for reasons related to the statutory requirements for a patent that will give rise to prosecution history estoppel.



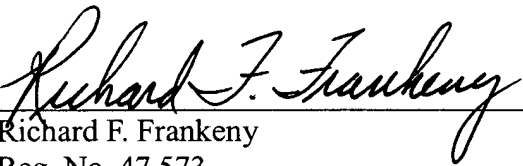
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